

Remarks

Claims 1, 2, 4-10 and 12-23 were pending. Claim 17 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 5, 12, and 20, are amended. Support for the amendments can be found in the specification, *inter alia*, at page 4, line 10. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added. Accordingly, now claims 1, 2, 4-10, 12-16 and 18-23 are pending.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 15, 16 and 19-22 are allowed, and claims 10, 17 and 23 contain allowable subject matter.

Based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and passage of the claims to allowance.

§ 112 Rejections

Claims 7, 10 and 23 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants respectfully disagree.

The original specification, page 7, lines 1-13, describes an example Gel Time experiment, where a heated surface, here a test hot plate, was heated such that - "Using a temperature probe, test the surface of a hot plate to ensure that it is about 150°C." In this experiment, the composition was tested to have a gel time of about 60 to 180 seconds at 150°C. Applicants respectfully submit that *in haec verba* language is not required under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph, but rather a description that conveys to the person of ordinary skill in the art that the applicant was in possession of the claimed subject matter. See e.g., MPEP 2163.02. Moreover, original claim 15 recites "heating said electrical winding to at least about 150°C."

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claims 7, 10 and 23 under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph, has been overcome and that the rejection should be withdrawn.

§ 103 Rejections

Claims 12, 13, 14 and 18 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kitihara et al (US Pat. No. 6,344,155). Further, claims 5-7 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ishimura et al (US Pat. No. 4,367,318) in view of Daly et al (US Pat. No. 5,708,039). Applicants responds as follows.

Without acquiescing to the propriety of the rejections, claim 5 has been amended and now depends from allowed claim 1, rendering that rejection moot. Claim 12 has been amended to recite the features from previously pending claim 17, which was indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection based on Kitihara has been rendered moot.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is requested. Please contact the undersigned should there be any questions or in order to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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